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Mr. John E. Bacon
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Request for Access for Historical Research

Dear Mr. Bacon:

This is a request for access to information for historical research pursuant to Central Intelligence Agency regulations, Title 32 C.F.R. §1900.61, concerning the attempts by the U.S. and other western countries to infiltrate intelligence agents and potential guerrillas into Albania during the period 1945 to 1953.

Access to the requested information is clearly consistent with the interests of national security because (1) it is, in significant part, more than 30 years old, see Executive Order 11652, Sec. 5(E); (2) the operation in question has been compromised by Kim Philby, the defected Soviet agent in British Intelligence, and is thus known to Soviets and Albanians; and (3) it fails to threaten any negligible current Agency operations in Albania.

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As noted in my Freedom of Information Act Appeal of 24 April 1981, I am amenable to appropriate steps to assure that still-classified information will not be published or otherwise compromised. For example, I do not want or need names of personnel who remain active with the Agency.

I would welcome an early and favorable response to this request and the opportunity to work out mutual acceptable terms for access to the information requested.

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